GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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JUDGES IN COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of male and female judges in Supreme Court and High Courts at present, court-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to appoint adequate female judges in courts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a)&(b) Appointments of Judges of the Supreme Court of India and High Courts are made under articles 124 and 217 of the Constitution of India, respectively, which do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of persons. The Government have, however, addressed letters to the Chief Ministers of the States and the Chief Justices of the High Courts, from time to time, requesting them to locale persons from the Bar belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other Backward Classes, Minorities and amongst Women who are suitable for appointment as High Court Judges. A statement, giving details regarding the male and female Judges in the Supreme Court and the High Courts and the vacancies, is enclosed.